## ABSTRACT

A tool head for use with an automatic cable tie installation system. The tool head incorporates a pawl gear mechanism which eliminates the potential for the severed excess tail portion of the tie from becoming jammed within the tensioning assembly of the tool head. Particularly, the pawl gear mechanism of the present invention includes at least one auxiliary guide ramp for contacting and positively guiding the severed tail portion into the exit chute of the tool head.